

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
displaying with a device a status of a plurality of
5 consumables in the device and information about ordering at least one of the
consumables when at least one condition occurs;
monitoring with the device for an input indicating that an
order for the at least one of the consumables has been placed; and
submitting with the device the order for the at least one of
10 the consumable to a supplier if the monitored input indicates an order should be
placed.
2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the at least one
condition is receipt by the device of a request for at least one of the status of the
15 consumables and the information about ordering the at least one of the
consumables.
3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the at least one
condition is an indication in the device that replacement of the at least one of the
20 consumables is recommended based on at least one criteria.
4. The method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising
confirming the order before the submitting of the order.
- 25 5. The method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising:
processing the order for the at least one of the consumables,
wherein the processing comprises retrieving information about the device that
placed the order; and
supplying the at least one of the consumables based on the
30 processed order.
6. The method as set forth in claim 5 further comprising
determining a distribution of at least a portion of the payment based on the

retrieved information.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the retrieved information identifies a retailer that sold the device and wherein the determining the distribution allocates the at least a portion of the payment to the identified retailer.

8. A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions for ordering at least one consumable for a device which when executed by a processor, causes the processor to perform the steps of:
displaying with a device a status of a plurality of consumables in the device and information about ordering at least one of the consumables when at least one condition occurs;
monitoring with the device for an input indicating that an order for the at least one of the consumables has been placed; and
submitting with the device the order for the at least one of the consumable to a supplier if the monitored input indicates an order should be placed.

9. The medium as set forth in claim 8 wherein the at least one condition is receipt of a request for at least one of the status of the at least one of the consumables and the information about ordering the at least one of the consumables.

10. The medium as set forth in claim 8 wherein the at least one condition is an indication that replacement of the at least one of the consumables is recommended based on at least one criteria.

11. The medium as set forth in claim 8 further comprising confirming the order before the submitting of the order.

12. The medium as set forth in claim 8 further comprising:
processing the order for the at least one of the consumables,

wherein the processing comprises retrieving information about the device that placed the order; and supplying the at least one of the consumables based on the processed order.

5 13. The medium as set forth in claim 12 further comprising determining a distribution of at least a portion of the payment based on the retrieved information.

10 14. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein the retrieved information identifies a retailer that sold the device and wherein the determining the distribution allocates the at least a portion of the payment to the identified retailer.

15 15. A system comprising:
a display system that displays a status of a plurality of consumables and information about ordering at least one of the consumables when at least one condition occurs;

20 a monitoring system with the device that monitors for an input indicating that an order for the at least one of the consumables has been placed; and

an ordering system with the device that submits the order for the at least one of the consumables to a supplier if the monitored input indicates an order should be placed.

25 16. The system as set forth in claim 15 wherein the at least one condition is receipt by the device of a request for at least one of the status of the at least one of the consumables and the information about ordering the at least one of the consumables.

30 17 The system as set forth in claim 15 wherein the at least one condition is an indication in the device that replacement of the at least one of the consumables is recommended based on at least one criteria.

18 The system as set forth in claim 15 further comprising a confirmation system that confirming the order before the submitting of the order by the ordering system.

5 19. The system as set forth in claim 15 further comprising:
 an order processing system that processes the order for the
 at least one of the consumables, wherein the order processing system retrieves
 information about the device that placed the order; and
 a supply system that supplies the at least one consumable
10 based on the processed order.

 20. The system as set forth in claim 19 wherein the order
 processing system determines a distribution of at least a portion of the payment
 based on the retrieved information.

15 21. The system as set forth in claim 20 wherein the retrieved
 information identifies a retailer that sold the device and wherein the order
 processing system allocates the at least a portion of the payment to the identified
 retailer.

20 22. A method for ordering at least one consumable for a device,
 the method comprising:

 submitting an order for the at least one consumable for the
 device;

25 processing the order for the at least one consumable,
 wherein the processing comprises retrieving information about the device that
 placed the order; and

 determining a distribution of at least a portion of a payment
 for the order based on the retrieved information.

30 23. The method as set forth in claim 21 further comprising
 indicating a status of the at least one consumable, wherein the submitting is based
 on the indicating.

24. The method as set forth in claim 21 further comprising supplying the at least one consumable based on the processed order.

5 25. The method as set forth in claim 21 wherein the retrieved information identifies a retailer that sold the device.

26. The method as set forth in claim 24 wherein the distributing further comprises allocating the at least a portion of the payment to the retailer
10 that sold the device.

27. A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions for ordering at least one consumable for a device which when executed by a processor, causes the processor to perform the steps of:
15 submitting an order for the at least one consumable for the device;

processing the order for the at least one consumable, wherein the processing comprises retrieving information about the device that placed the order; and
20 determining a distribution of at least a portion of a payment for the order based on the retrieved information.

28. The medium as set forth in claim 27 further comprising indicating a status of the at least one consumable, wherein the submitting is based
25 on the indicating.

29. The medium as set forth in claim 27 further comprising supplying the at least one consumable based on the processed order.

30 30. The medium as set forth in claim 27 wherein the retrieved information identifies a retailer that sold the device.

31. The medium as set forth in claim 30 wherein the

distributing further comprises allocating the at least a portion of the payment to the retailer that sold the device.

32. A system for ordering at least one consumable for a device,
5 the system comprising:

an ordering system that submits an order for the at least one consumable for the device;

a processing system that processes the order for the at least one consumable, wherein the order processing system retrieves information about
10 the device that placed the order; and

a payment distribution system that determines a distribution of at least a portion of a payment for the order based on the retrieved information.

33. The system as set forth in claim 32 further comprising an
15 indication system that indicates a status of the at least one consumable, wherein the submitting is based on the indicating.

34. The system as set forth in claim 32 further comprising a
supply system that supplies the at least one consumable based on the processed
20 order.

35. The system as set forth in claim 32 wherein the retrieved information identifies a retailer that sold the device.

36. The system as set forth in claim 35 wherein the distributing
25 further comprises allocating the at least a portion of the payment to the retailer that sold the device.